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**Louisiana Crop Prospects**

Rice yields continue to be the big story for the 2009 crop year. All indications point to a record rice yield. Although progressing well, harvest of most crops is slightly behind normal.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 29.6 million cwt, up 13 percent from the previous month and up nine percent from 2008. Estimated production is up from last month as rice harvested acreage was revised to 470,000 acres, up 55,000 acres from the June 1 estimate. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,300 pounds, unchanged from previous month but up 470 pounds from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record.

**Soybean** production is expected to total 35 million bushels in Louisiana, unchanged from the August first estimate but up 12 percent from 2008. An estimated one million acres will be harvested, up 50,000 acres from 2008. Yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous month but up two bushels from last year.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 405,000 bales, down four percent from the August first estimate but up 44 percent from last year. Acreage of cotton expected for harvest is forecast at 225,000 acres, down 9,000 acres from a year ago. The expected yield per acre, at 864 pounds, is up six pounds from the August forecast and up 288 pounds from 2008.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 91.1 million bushels, unchanged from the previous month's estimate but up 24 percent from last year. An estimated 680,000 acres will be harvested for grain, up 170,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 134 bushels, is unchanged from last month but down 10 bushels from last year's yield.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 10.8 million net tons, unchanged from the previous month but down six percent from last year. Harvested acreage for sugar and seed is forecast at 400,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 27 net tons per acre, unchanged from the August first estimate but down 1.3 net tons from last year.

**Sorghum** production is estimated at 7.1 million bushels in the state, unchanged from the August first estimate but down 26 percent from 2008. Acreage to be harvested for grain is

forecast at 95,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 75 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but down 12 bushels from a year ago.

**United States Crop Prospects**

**Rice** production is forecast at 219 million cwt, up four percent from the August forecast and up seven percent from last year. Based on administrative data, planted area is revised to 3.1 million acres, up four percent from the June estimate and up four percent from 2008. Area for harvest is expected to total 3.1 million acres, up three percent from August and up four percent from 2008. As of September 1, the U.S. yield is forecast at 7,051 pounds per acre, up 12 pounds from the previous month's forecast and 205 pounds above the 2008 average yield of 6,846 pounds per acre. If realized, this will be the second highest U.S. yield on record. Forecasted yields in September for both California and Texas are up from August, while Mississippi showed a decline. Yields were unchanged from the previous forecast in Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri.

**Soybean** production is forecast at a record high 3.3 billion bushels, up one percent from the August forecast and up ten percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.3 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged in all states except Indiana, where the yield is expected to be down two bushels. The largest increases in yield from the August forecast are expected in Alabama and Maryland, up five and six bushels, respectively. If realized, the forecasted yield in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi will be a record high and the forecasted yield in Nebraska, North Carolina and Ohio will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.8 million acres, up slightly from June and up three percent from 2008.

**All Cotton** production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up two percent from last month and up five percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.1 million 480-pound bales, up two percent from last month and up six percent from last year. Producers in the Southeast and Delta regions are expecting increased yields from last month. Upland growers in Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee are expecting record high yields. The **American-Pima** production forecast, at 367,000 bales, was carried forward from last month.

**Corn** production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up two percent from last month and seven percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from August

and 8.0 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record and production will be the second largest, behind 2007. Yield forecasts increased from last month across the western Corn Belt and the northern half of the Great Plains as mild temperatures and adequate soil moisture supplies provided favorable growing conditions. Yield prospects were unchanged in the eastern Corn Belt where dry conditions during August depleted soil moisture supplies.

**Sugarcane** production of sugarcane for sugar and seed is forecast at 28.0 million tons, down four percent from the August 1 forecast but up one percent from 2008. Producers intend to harvest 852,700 acres for sugar and seed during the 2009 crop season, down 10,000 acres from last month and

15,300 acres below last year. Expected yield is forecast at 32.8 tons per acre, down 0.9 ton from the previous forecast but up 1.0 ton from 2008.

**Sorghum** production is forecast at 390 million bushels, up two percent from last month but down 18 percent from last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 6.0 million acres, unchanged from August but down 18 percent from 2008. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 65.5 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from August and up 0.5 bushel from last year.

### CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA September 1, 2009

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	510	680	144	134	bushels	73,440	91,120
Upland cotton	234	225	576	864	lbs: bales	281	405
Rice, all	464	470	5,830	6,300	lbs: cwt	27,037	29,610
Sorghum for grain	110	95	87	75	bushels	9,570	7,125
Soybeans	950	1,000	33	35	bushels	31,350	35,000
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	405	400	28.3	27.0	net tons	11,462	10,800
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	430	450	2.5	2.9	tons	1,075	1,305

### CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES September 1, 2009

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	78,640	80,007	153.9	161.9	bushels	12,101,238	12,954,500
Cotton, all	7,569	7,728	813	835	lbs: bales	12,815	13,438
Rice, all	2,976	3,101	6,846	7,051	lbs: cwt	203,733	218,647
Sorghum for grain	7,271	5,948	65	65.5	bushels	472,342	389,589
Soybeans	74,641	76,767	39.6	42.3	bushels	2,959,174	3,245,292
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	868.0	852.7	31.8	32.8	net tons	27,603	28,006
Hay, all <sup>1</sup>	60,062	60,177	2.43	2.52	tons	145,672	151,941

<sup>1</sup>Estimates carried forward from an earlier forecast.

**State Rankings - Harvested Acres, Selected Crops:  
Louisiana and 10 Leading States, 2008**

Item	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	LA Rank
Corn for Grain	IA	IL	NE	MN	IN	SD	KS	OH	WI	MO	21
Upland Cotton	TX	GA	AR	NC	MS	MO	AL	TN	LA	OK	9
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	TX	KS	OK	NE	CO	AR	SD	LA	MS	MO	8
Soybeans	IA	IL	MN	IN	MO	NE	OH	SD	ND	AR	18
Sugarcane	LA	FL	TX	HI							1
Sweet Potatoes	NC	MS	CA	LA	AL	TX	NJ	SC	VA		4
All Wheat	KS	ND	MT	OK	SD	TX	WA	CO	MN	NE	25
<b>Total Acres of Principal Crops Harvested<sup>1</sup></b>	IA	IL	ND	KS	NM	NE	TX	SD	MO	IN	26

<sup>1</sup> Crops included are corn, sorghum, oats, barley, winter wheat, rye, durum wheat, other spring wheat, rice, soybeans, peanuts, sunflowers, cotton, dry edible beans, potatoes, canola, proso millet, sugarbeets, all hay, tobacco and sugarcane. Includes double cropped acres.

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Upland Cotton	TX	GA	AR	NC	MO	MS	TN	AL	AZ	CA	11
All Rice	AR	CA	LA	MS	MO	TX					3
Sorghum for Grain	KS	TX	NE	OK	AR	LA	IL	MO	SD	MS	6
Soybeans for Beans	IA	IL	MN	IN	NE	MO	OH	SD	AR	KS	18
Sugarcane	FL	LA	HI	TX							2
Sweet Potatoes	NC	CA	MS	LA	AL	TX	NJ	SC	VA		4
All Wheat	KS	ND	SD	OK	MT	WA	MN	TX	ID	OH	26

# Cash Receipts From Sales: Louisiana, 2008

Rank	Commodity	Cash Receipts Dollars	Percent of Total
1	Poultry/Eggs	530,373,000	17.5
2	Rice	399,663,000	13.2
3	Corn	389,162,000	12.8
4	Sugarcane	327,720,000	10.8
5	Soybeans	272,424,000	9.0
6	Cattle & Calves	191,012,000	6.2
7	Wheat	159,916,000	5.3
8	Cotton	127,058,000	4.2
9	Dairy Products	64,377,000	2.1
10	Sorghum	56,677,000	1.9
	All Other Commodities	516,307,000	17.0
	<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>3,034,689,000</b>	

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